



Object: Madagascar Immunization/Basics/USAID Monthly Report
Period: February 2007
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Highlights during February 2007:

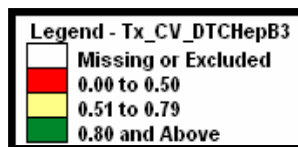
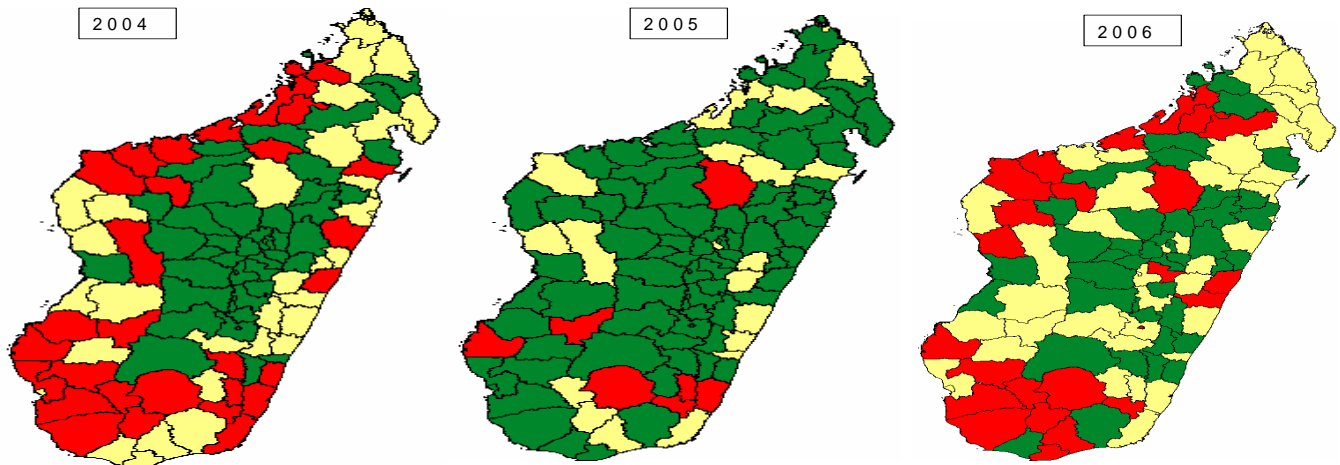
- A Regional 2006 EPI review was conducted, in collaboration with the Service de Vaccination (SV) and its partners. The IB representative participated in the Haute Matsiatra Review.
- The Madagascar cMYP was finalized.
- The MoH&FP and its partners have begun preparations for the 2nd “Child and Mother’s Health Week (CMHW)” which will be held from April 23 - 28, 2007; the measles campaign will be integrated with the 3rd CMHW in October 2007.

Next steps:

- Provide technical support for monitoring the implementation of MLM and RED in work planning and capacity building with staff in select regions and districts (in partnership with SV, UNICEF, and SantéNet).
- Target poorer performing regions and districts and develop strategies for improving coverage and reducing drop-out by providing support to SV/MOHFP team in follow-up, monitoring and supervision in selected regions and districts.
- Provide technical support to the MoHFP to plan the 2nd Child and Mother’s Health Week (to be held the week of April 23rd 2007).
- Following the recommendations discussed during the Child Survival Senior Staff meeting on February 27, 2007, Madagascar will submit its HSS/GAVI application by May 11, 2007; the task force will receive technical support from IB and the USAID-funded HS20/20 project.

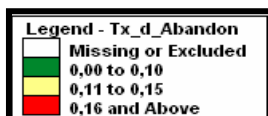
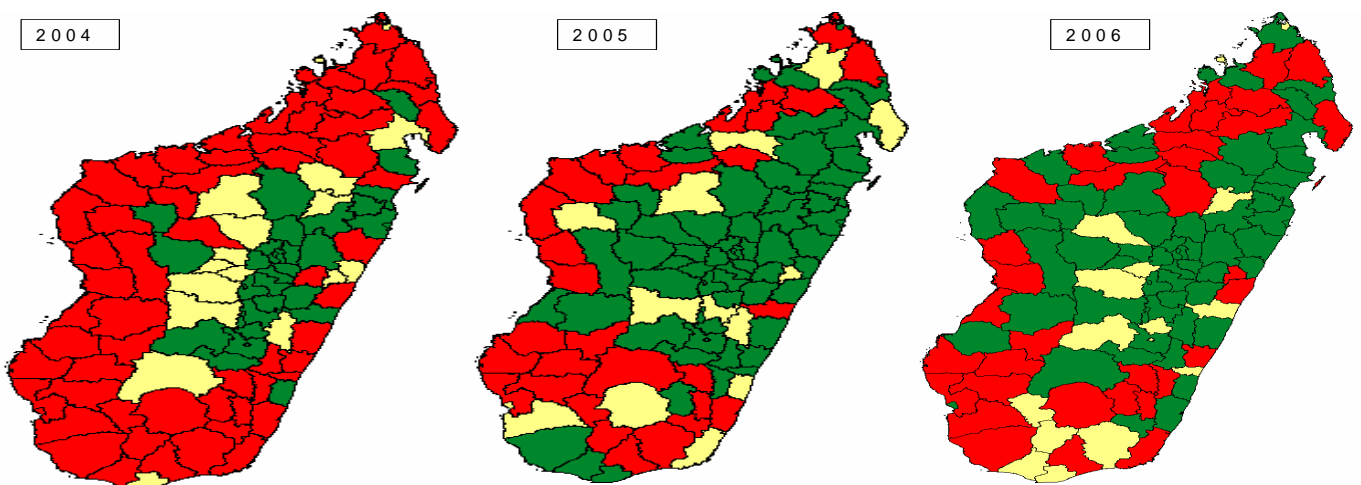
Background:

DPT3 Coverage 2004 - 2006



Note: 2006 data are not final: 85% complete

DPTHePB1 - DPTHePB3 Drop Out 2004 - 2006



Achievements and Reflections:

Management activities:

1. Program Coordinator visit to Madagascar for IMMUNIZATIONbasics administrative and financial orientation.
2. Establishment of IMMUNIZATIONbasics office space within the SantéNet office.
3. The Madagascar IMMbasics Technical Advisor has provided continuous technical support to MOHFP/SV with SantéNet, WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, and other ICC members and partners.



IMMbasics with other partners have provided continuous support to the MoH&FP to reach the millennium objective.

USAID Priority 1: Strengthen routine immunization, giving particular attention to RED and other effective approaches:

1. Madagascar IMMbasics Technical Advisor participated as a member of the ICC (with USAID and SantéNet) on the development of the cMYP and GAVI technical documents, including health sector planning with the MOHFP and other partners.
2. Participated in Regional EPI Review in Haute Matsiatra Fianarantsoa with MoHFP and partners.
3. Participated in meetings with the HSS task force to develop the HSS draft proposal.
4. In collaboration with Dr. Eugenie (Assistant of the DSF – Direction de la Santé Familial), the Madagascar IMMbasics Technical Advisor met with Anne Claire and Montserrat of the World Bank to discuss HSS and its harmonization with the SWAp and Health Sector Development Plan.
5. Participated in regular meetings for the CMHW preparation.
6. IMMUNIZATIONbasics participated in the meeting of the joint mission with UNICEF and WHO for the measles campaign in October 2007.
7. Provided technical input to the ICC and CSME (Maternal and Child Health Committee) for identifying and prioritizing technical assistance with GAVI funding (HSS and remaining phase I funds), based on EPI data analysis; the first draft of the HSS application should be finalized by March 31, 2007.
8. Provided technical support to SV and ICC partners on improving the quality of RED implementation, including data analysis and prioritization of regions and districts and developing strategies for strengthening of components such as outreach, supervision and reporting.
9. Provided guidance to SV on presentation and analysis of immunization data from the SIG to better monitor coverage, drop-out, vaccine and cold chain (notably spare parts) management, and completeness/timeliness of reporting.



IMMbasics participating in the senior staff meeting.

10. Participated in the Child Survival Senior Staff meeting.

USAID Priority 2: Increase reliable financing and improve the financial management of routine immunization programs:

1. The Madagascar IMMbasics Technical Advisor participated in ICC and CSME meetings and provided technical input with DEP (Planning and Studies Department) via DDDS (Health District Development Department) to develop guidelines and ensure routine immunization line items in budgets for health sector strengthening.



MAES /UNICEF, Dr Perline/Vice minister, Mr Benj/USAID, Jaurès/IMMbasics during the Senior Staff meeting.

USAID Priority 3: Sustain accelerated disease control through routine immunization:

1. The Madagascar IMMbasics Technical Advisor participated in planning of the measles campaign (scheduled for October, 2007).

USAID Priority 4: Introduction of new vaccines and immunization technologies:

1. No specific activities for new vaccine this period.

Looking forward:

1. Clarify items outlined in the MOU established with SantéNet, BASICS and IMMUNIZATIONbasics.
2. Establish financial and administrative support systems for country staff through collaboration with SantéNet.
3. Support the SV/MOHFP team in the follow-up and monitoring of the EPI focal points in the regions and in the districts
4. Support and assist the SV/MOHFP in the implementation and monitoring of the recommendations from the 2006 National EPI Review.
5. Continue to support and help the MoHFP DDDS and the DEP to finalize the HSS application for May submission.
6. Assist SV with improving use of data to target poorer performing regions and districts and to develop strategies for improving coverage and reducing drop-out.
7. Provide technical support for monitoring the implementation of MLM, using data for decision-making approaches and RED in work planning and capacity building with staff in select regions and districts (in partnership with SV, UNICEF, and SantéNet).
8. Support the MoHFP to plan the second round of the "Child and Mother's Health Week" on April 23, 2007.

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